

FACTS OF HISTORY

Will Not Sustain the Democracy in Its Charges That the Americans

PRACTICE CRIMINAL AGGRESSION

Toward the Philippines—Story of Taking of Manila by Dewey—Col. Norton Proves by Logical Argument That a State of War Has Existed Through the Overt Act of Hostility by Aguinaldo—Puts to Flight False Statements of Democrats.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—In the prosecution of hostilities against the armed forces of Aguinaldo, consisting principally of the warlike and savage tribes of Tagals who had long been the enemy of Spain, as well as the relentless enemy of some of the native tribes inhabiting the island of Luzon, the opposition to the administration claims the American government is practicing "criminal aggression" against a people who were its friends and allies in the late Spanish war. Let us examine this charge briefly and see if the facts of history sustain or disprove it. My opportunities for gaining a knowledge of the incidents attending the inception of the Philippine war are derived from frequent correspondence with officers of the regular army, some of whom participated in the first engagement with the Spanish army which resulted in the capture of Manila on August 13, 1898. Captain O. B. Warwick, of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, a gallant soldier from the state of Alabama, whose life was sacrificed afterwards in defending the flag of his country, wrote me on August 29th, 1898—sixteen days after the occupation of the city of Manila, as follows: "We have the insurgents outside the city. (They were called insurgents then because they were at war with Spain). They are still under arms."

Not Allowed in the City. "We do not allow either the Spaniards or the insurgents inside the city limits. This city has a population of about 400,000 inhabitants, with a large foreign element engaged in trade. The foreigners have a large amount of capital invested here, and would like to see the United States take permanent possession, as they know under our government they would have protection for life and property, and an honest administration of public affairs. General Merritt leaves to-morrow via Singapore to be present at the meeting of the commissioners in Paris. The situation now is complicated and I can not tell what will be done."

Now, it will be remembered that after Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay he had it in his power to reduce the city and compel the surrender of the 13,000 Spanish soldiers composing his garrison, but the admiral had no land forces to co-operate and hold the place after a surrender.

Awaited Arrival of Troops. He therefore simply covered the city with the guns of his fleet and awaited the arrival of troops. When early in August a sufficient force had assembled and were landed at Cavite, preparations were made for the storming of the fortifications and the capture of the city of Manila, which was successfully accomplished on August 13th, and resulted in the surrender of all the Spanish troops in and about Manila. The insurgents were not permitted to enter the city for the reason that after having disarmed the Spaniards with whom we were at war, the next day the armed Tagals would have found vent in the slaughter of their helpless soldiers of Spain, and an indiscriminate massacre of all natives who adhered to the Spanish cause, to be followed by the looting of the city and possibly its destruction by the enraged savages. I consider that in thus disarming the Spaniards and forbidding the Filipinos to enter the city our military commanders acted wisely and unquestionably prevented a scene of bloodshed and anarchy that would have resulted in the depredations of which our government would have been justly responsible.

Lay Nursing Its Wrath. Disappointed in their desire to wreak vengeance on their defeated Spanish foes, and to enrich themselves with the spoils of Manila the Filipino army, then commanded by Aguinaldo in person, lay in its camps outside the city nursing its wrath against the Americans and threatening daily to penetrate our lines despite all resistance. Pending this condition of affairs and while the commission of Paris was arranging the terms of a treaty of peace with Spain, and before that treaty was ratified by the United States senate, the Filipino army either with or without the knowledge and consent of Aguinaldo attacked our troops, and thus the war began. This overt act of hostility technically produced a state of war without the necessity of a formal declaration. From that day to this it has been waged against them with the result that all organized resistance has been overcome, and the insurgents have been defeated and dispersed so that there now remains only scattered bands of guerrillas and bandits who as opportunity offers, ambush small detachments of our troops. Not only in Luzon but in all other important islands of the archipelago we now maintain regular garrisons and are practically in control of the territory ceded to us by Spain.

Not "Criminal Aggressors." I believe this represents truly the history of the military occupation of the Philippines, and proves conclusively that we are not "criminal aggressors" and did not inaugurate the war, but on all occasions our army commanders displayed great patience and forbearance until the flag was fired upon and our troops assaulted. From the moment the Spanish garrison of Manila handed down its arms we became responsible to foreign nations for the safety of their citizens residing there, and for the security of their property. This was a responsibility involving thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property, and it could not be evaded. What would have been said of the administration

had it ordered the withdrawal of our troops at that critical juncture?

Would not all foreign governments represented there have made demands on us for indemnity for the loss of life and property, just as they are now preparing to make demands on China for the boxer outrages? Then indeed would the critics of the administration have had good cause to condemn a weakness and pusillanimity compared to which the costly vacillation and indecision of President James Buchanan at the beginning of the civil war would appear like acts of heroism.

Plant of Slow Growth.

But we are told that self government is a cardinal doctrine of republics, and to ignore it the Philippines is to overthrow it at home and pave the way to empire. Self government is a plant of slow growth and flourishes only under the most assiduous and intelligent cultivation and in the most fruitful soil. It could not be expected to attain instantaneous maturity and a horde of semi-savages who, thirsting for revenge, intended to murder the foreign and a part of the native population of Manila, and actually issued orders to that effect. The American commander recognized this danger and under instructions from Washington, took the necessary precautions to avert it. I have said this much in justification of the purely military acts of the administration. Now let us see what has been done to conciliate the Filipino insurgents and convince them that we do not intend to deprive them of their liberties.

Both the President and the Philippine commissioners have issued proclamations and made public announcements solemnly promising to grant them the amplest liberty and self government consistent with the duties and obligations of the United States, and in formulating these declarations of policy explicit and detailed statements were made which in effect would give to the Filipinos about as much political independence and civil and religious liberty as is now or ever was enjoyed by the citizens of our own country.

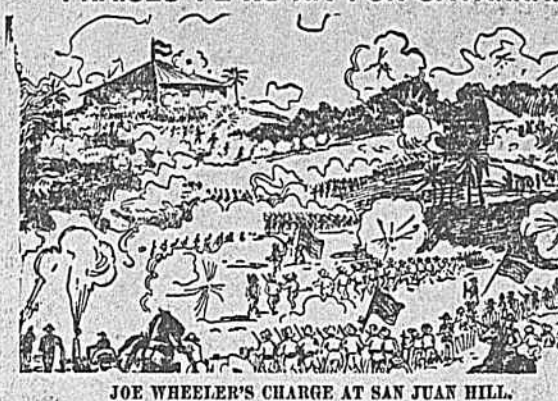
Good Enough for Filipinos.

Surely a government that is good enough for Americans is good enough for Filipinos. All these overtures have been rejected by the defiant Aguinaldo, who, while posing in the role of a Washington, is in reality nothing more than a desperate mercenary adventurer, and is hated and despised by the progressive and intelligent element of both the native and foreign population of the islands. What then is the manifest duty of this country. We must remember that the events of the past two years have made us a member of the congress of the world, and the responsibilities such a relation creates can not be ignored without exposing us to great humiliation, and diminishing our power and prestige among the nations of the earth. What foreign cabinets fifty years ago would have given a thought to the aid or co-operation of the United States in repressing an uprising in the Chinese empire, and yet we have led all European nations in rescuing the imperiled legations at Peking, and are assuming a prominent role in the settlement of questions resulting from that act of barbarism. Since the close of the civil war and the unification of our country we have had experiences that eminently fit us to enter into the affairs of the world and we may yet become the arbiter of its destinies.

Must Encourage Education. We have learned that in order to have a government where all men are free it is necessary to encourage and it need be enforced education, to separate church and state, to have a pure and incorruptible judiciary, a fair and impartial execution of the laws, and in order to protect the industries of the people and increase our national wealth it is necessary to have a constabulary force to shield them from violence and repress domestic turbulence. We have in recent years organized national guards in many states, which are becoming as efficient and well disciplined as the troops of the regular army, thus relieving the people from the burden of a large standing army in time of peace. All these and many other things we have learned in the school of experience and are competent to impart a knowledge of them to the citizens of our new dependencies. Congress alone can decide what shall be the future political status of the Filipino people, and it is an impertinence if nothing worse that a representative of Aguinaldo, in the person of Senor Sexto Lopez, visits this country to confer with the opponents of the administration as to what sort of a government he and his dictatorial chief will accept.

No Recognition Will Be Given. So long as the war continues no official recognition will be given such an emissary, and it is doubtful if his presence here will not do us more harm than good. Let the leaders of the Philippine rebellion who have not already surrendered acknowledge that the powers of our government are sovereign and supreme, a proposition that no longer admits of argument, and let them cease waging their infamous guerrilla warfare. Then the President, the Congress and the people of the United States stand ready to extend to them all the blessings of liberty which they themselves enjoy, and in the years to come the inhabitants of those islands and their descendants will be lifted up to a plane of civilization equal to that of this great republic. The Orient is destined soon to be the theatre of the world's greatest activities, and it is not possible that the intelligent and progressive citizens of this country whose industrial and commercial interests are involved, will be willing now to surrender the foothold they have gained, and will be ousted from securing the great advantages and help to their national development, which in recompense for devotion to human rights Providence has placed in their possession, simply because our venerated ancestors of a hundred years ago did not realize the stupendous growth of the nation they founded when tyranny ruled the world, and the intellects and consciences of men were dominated by the power of royalty.

Arizona and New Mexico. It is now fifty years since Arizona and New Mexico became integral parts of our territory, and they have not yet been admitted to statehood, and their inhabitants are ruled by acts of Congress, some of which were framed by the immortal Jefferson, for the govern-

GENERAL JOE WHEELER
PRAISES PE-RU-NA FOR CATARRH.

JOE WHEELER'S CHARGE AT SAN JUAN HILL.

Major General Joseph Wheeler, commanding the cavalry force in front of Santiago and the author of "The Santiago Campaign," in speaking of the great catarrh remedy, Pe-ru-na, says: "I join with Senators Sullivan, Roach and McEnery in their good opinion of Pe-ru-na. It is recommended to me by those who have used it as an excellent tonic and particularly effective as a cure for catarrh."

United States Senator McEnery.

Hon. S. D. McEnery, United States Senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Pe-ru-na: "Pe-ru-na is an excellent tonic. I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that can be claimed for it."—S. D. McEnery, New Orleans, Louisiana.

ment of "States, territories, and other countries, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States." Under those laws, and by constitutional right, our flag floats over the Philippines, no other does. We are in possession, no other nation is, and by the grace of God, the prayers of all true Christians throughout the world, and by the aid of the voters of the Republican party, it will stay there as the symbol of hope and liberty to a long oppressed people.

T. N. NOITON.

Huntley-Jackson Company. The Huntley-Jackson stock company will close a very successful week's engagement at the Grand opera house, by presenting two of the strongest plays in its repertoire this afternoon and evening. The afternoon bill, "The Fatal Card," was given last night, and delighted the large audience that witnessed it. It is a stirring melodrama, with strong situations and startling climaxes. "Michael Strogoff," to be given this evening, is a thrilling melodrama, which will be given with all the elaborate scenery and properties and the elaborate costumes necessary to its artistic presentation. The specialties between acts will be new.

AMUSEMENTS.

Cooper, the Hypnotist. Prof. E. S. Cooper, the hypnotist, of Wheeling, will be seen at the Wheeling Park Casino, on Wednesday night, October 10, for the small price of twenty-five cents; no charge at the park gate. Prof. E. S. Cooper has graduated and received a diploma from the New York Institute of science, the largest school of hypnotism in the world. Dr. Lamotte Sage, M. D., Ph. D., L. D., president of New York Institute of science, ranks Professor Cooper as one of America's greatest young hypnotists. The following are a list of the ablest and most distinguished physicians who are hypnotists: Prof. H. C. Wood, M. D., L. D., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. S. W. Mitchell, distinguished physician and author, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. J. A. B. Cooper, professor of nervous diseases, Western University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. Cook, noted physician, Boston, Mass.; Prof. E. H. Gerhardt, M. D., Johns Hopkins College, department of Port-land, Me.; Prof. William James, M. D., Ph. D., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Fillebrown, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. C. A. B. Cooper, specialist, New York City; Dr. H. S. Drayton, Bellevue Hospital, New York City, where they use hypnotism for all kinds of surgical operations; Dr. C. A. B. Cooper, specialist, New York City; Dr. Brannwell, specialist, London, England; Dr. H. Bernheim, University, France; where hypnotism is used by such eminent men as the above, you cannot say that there is no such thing as hypnotism.

"Watch on the Rhine."

In "The Watch on the Rhine," which opens here Saturday, matinee and night, at the Opera House, is promised a most successful play, full of stirring scenes and thrilling incidents. This play is from the pen of Mr. Sidney D. Ellis, who, in conjunction with Mr. Charles H. Yarnall, have been favorably known as exploiters of the best spectacular plays ever seen upon the local stage. In "The Watch on the Rhine," the play will have an opportunity to test the quality of the golden-tongued voice, introducing for that purpose a number of new, pretty and touching songs. The company supporting the play is said to be a very good one, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment is promised.

"Town Topics."

A perennial favorite, "Town Topics," the great farce, comedy winner, is booked at the Grand, commencing Monday night, October 8. It is an old and tried friend and has thousands of admirers everywhere. The piece is in new form in many respects. Various new features are announced, in the way of songs, dances, costumes, and the ensembles. Young and pretty girls, handsomely dressed, appear in a variety of roles. Unlike pieces of its class, "Town Topics" contains no objectionable or vulgar elements. This cleanliness in its songs and dances, commends it to strictly moral people, but it is good with all classes. It is a really capital play from beginning to end, and pleasing in every sense of the word. While Prof. H. Wheeler, M. D., a member of the "Town Topics" company, is in the city.

"Miss Hobbs."

Jerome K. Jerome, the author of "Miss Hobbs," which will be seen for the first time in this city next Friday night, October 12, at the Opera House, has a clever touch. His wit is unstrained and to the point. It is made humor in incidents that entirely escape the eye of the ordinary playwright, and that throughout there is a titillating movement to his study of the taming of the modern shrew.

Creston Clarke.

The coming of Creston Clarke and Miss Prince, at the Opera House, on Monday evening, October 8, is one of the most important theatrical events of the season in Wheeling. Mr. Clarke will be seen in a notable production of "Hamlet," Shakespeare's ever vital play, which all the world's great actors aspired to play. He has made a splendid impression in the role, and since the death of his famous uncle, Edwin Booth, no one who has played "Hamlet" has been so warmly praised as Creston Clarke. The work of Mr. Clarke appears to grow better and better as each season goes by, and he has now reached a stage where it can be truthfully said that he has but few equals in your local theatre.

BRIDGEPORT HAPPENINGS.

Events of a Day in the Town at the End of the Bridge.

The Bridgeport central Republican committee met last night and organized by electing the following: Chairman, W. H. Riley; secretary, Perry Freeman; treasurer, David Jones. The "high private" is A. T. Enlow. Plans for the campaign were discussed. Luther Stewart, of Charleston, O., was the guest of the committee. Morgan street, yesterday. He is on his way home from Murphysboro, Tenn., where he has been attending the funeral of his brother Albert.

Preparatory services were held at the Presbyterian church last evening, and were conducted by Rev. Potter. Communion services will be held to-morrow morning.

Miss Hattie Wheeler, who has been the guest of friends and relatives in this city for the past two weeks, left yesterday for her home at Parkersburg.

Mr. S. A. Leland returned to Steubenville yesterday, after a few days' visit with his mother, Mrs. Worthington, in Kirkwood.

Mrs. William McMiller, of Rochester, Pa., was in the city for a few days, and will be accompanied by the pastor, Rev. Paul Metzger, in Kirkwood.

A marching club in Aetna, composed of young Republicans, is likely to be organized in the near future.

A large number of people from here attended the circus meeting at Delaware last evening.

O. G. Smith, of Trenton, was the guest of Joseph Waterman, out of the pike, yesterday.

Miss Beatrice Mulvey, of Sistersville, is the guest of relatives in Aetna, for a week.

Communion services will be held at the Trinity Lutheran church to-morrow morning.

Regular services will be held at all the churches to-morrow morning and evening.

MOUNDVILLE BUDGET.

Yesterday's News From Marshall's County Seat.

The Exchange Telephone Company has completed its line from Melghen to the Saul Riggs farm and expects to complete it to the corporation line at Big Grave creek bridge to-day. The Panhandle Telephone Company will extend its lines to that point and connect with those of the other company, thus giving Moundville telephone connection with all principal points in Wetzel, Wood, Doddridge, Tyler and Taylor counties, in this state, and all the neighboring counties in Pennsylvania.

The uniforms for Company H, Rough Riders, are expected to-day or by the first of next week, and arrangements have been made with John A. Hoyd at West Virginia Clothing Store, to take charge and distribute them to the members. Each member should get an order on him for a uniform from Treasurer C. W. Conner, as soon as possible, so that they may be ready for the occasion, as the clubs will be accompanied by a large number of Republicans, who are not members of either club.

Thomas P. Walker has been awarded the contract of carrying the mails between the postoffice and the depots. The route is known as No. 216,24, and the contract is for \$175 per month. The highest amount paid heretofore was \$15 per month.

Hon. E. F. Melghen has returned from Weston, where he was attending the meeting of the board of directors.

George B. Pelley, of Wood Hill, was here yesterday, attending the meeting of the county court.

Thomas Pedley, one of Webster district's most prominent citizens, was here yesterday.

Col. J. E. Hooten and Mayor J. C. Pelley were at Cameron yesterday, on business.

George Foster, of Taylor's Ridge, was here yesterday, transacting business.

W. H. H. Powell, of Burnsville, Pa., is visiting friends and relatives here.

MARTIN'S FERRY NEWS.

The Daily Chronicle of Wheeling's Progressive Neighbor.

The picnic at McDowell's orchard this afternoon by the Vigilant Hose company will attract a large crowd, if the weather is good. An interesting programme has been prepared, the chief event being the hub-to-hub horse race between the Fulton team and the Independents of this city. The six-year-old gelding, driven by Fred Long and Oscar Gardner will also be an attractive card. The price of admission to the grounds will be ten cents.

Miss Elsie Elick very pleasantly entertained a number of friends last evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Elick, on "The Heights." About ten couples of young people were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Thomas Green returned yesterday, from a business trip to New Cumberland. His business in that city was to inspect the brick to be furnished by the company for the first street paving in this city.

A special meeting of Mother McKinley Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., will be held at their hall this evening, and all members are urged to be present, as a question of importance are to be transacted.

The two Hanover street business men who engaged in a fight Thursday afternoon, visited the mayor yesterday morning, and were released from jail for safe keeping \$3 and costs each.

Miss Beatrice Katie Marie Cox entertained a number of her young friends last evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, on Second street.

Mr. J. H. Cox, of Kirkwood, W. Va., is the guest of the family of Jesse Selby, on North Fifth street.

The literary society of the high school will hold its first meeting of the school year in the high school room this evening.

Mrs. C. L. Poorman, of Belleair, is in the city, called here by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Jane Ebberts.

The Rough Rider club will meet Monday evening at the residence of Mr. J. H. Cox, of Kirkwood, W. Va., for a speech there and he will not be here until the morning of the 12th and will go to Harpersville on the morning train with the band.

Belleair Briefs. Prosperity has reached the boys as well as the adults, as the Belleair Bottling Company needs quite a number and the percentage that can be put on as apprentices is greater and the crowd for this giving an excellent chance to learn a good trade.

The feast of the Holy Rosary will be observed in the Catholic church next Sunday. Rev. Father Wehrle will be assisted by one of the Dominican fathers.

The wife of Rev. R. S. Coffey leaves New York to-day for his old home in England, and will be gone a month or more.

The Fifth ward Republicans will have a club of their own by Friday night next.

The Gravel Hill reading and social club reorganized for the season at a home of Mrs. A. A. Saunders this week.

A foundry will be started in the buildings left by the Stanton Heater Company, by Clarence Simpson and others.

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